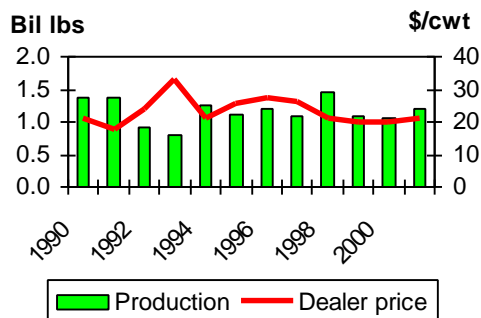
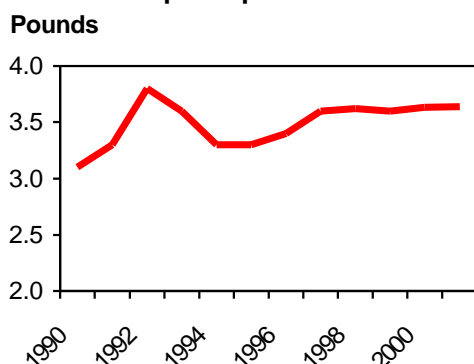


## Dry Beans: Pinto Beans

**Pinto bean output & price**



**Pinto bean per capita use**



Pinto beans are the leading dry edible bean produced in the United States, accounting for nearly 40 percent of production. North Dakota is the leading U.S. producing state followed by Colorado and Nebraska. Pinto beans are used for canned refried beans as well as in many food dishes such as 3-bean salads, soups (such as minestrone), stews, rice dishes, and casseroles.

In the United States, pinto beans are grown commercially in 14 states. On an average annual basis (1998-2000):

- Pinto beans are harvested from 760,000 acres.
- Pinto bean yield is about 1,600 pounds per acre.
- Estimated pinto bean farm value is \$270 million.
- Domestic use of pintos is about 1 billion pounds.
- Pinto per capita use is now steady at 3.6 pounds.
- Supermarket sales of dried and canned pinto products total over \$265 million.
- The U.S. is a net exporter of pinto beans. In 1999 exports were 176 million pounds (\$39 million).

The United States exported 12 percent of its pinto bean supplies during the 1990s. Pintos have proven to be an important domestic and international food aid crop and are frequently purchased under the School Lunch Program and Federal food aid programs such as PL-480. Major export markets include Mexico, Haiti, and Angola.

Pinto bean imports are relatively minor. Only 2 percent of U.S. pinto bean consumption comes from imports, with most of this arriving from Canada.

See [Vegetables and Specialties Situation and Outlook Report](#) for more information on pinto beans.

U.S. pinto beans: Supply, utilization, and price, farm weight, calendar year, 1970-01 1/

Year	Supply				Utilization				Per capita use		Season-average price 6/	
	Production 2/	Imports 3/	Beginning stocks	Total	Exports 3/	Seed use 4/	Ending stocks 5/	Total	Annual	3 year average	Current 1/	Constant 1996 dollars
	Million pounds								Pounds		\$/cwt	
1970	538.4	0.0	317.0	855.4	48.2	20.7	328.4	458.1	2.2	--	--	--
1980	1,033.3	0.0	385.2	1,418.5	580.1	34.3	609.6	194.5	0.9	1.6	35.51	61.87
1990	1,365.0	10.9	387.0	1,762.9	349.3	42.4	607.5	763.7	3.1	2.9	21.19	24.49
1997	1,092.0	13.6	557.7	1,663.3	134.0	37.9	532.3	959.1	3.6	3.4	26.48	25.98
1998	1,451.1	17.1	532.3	2,000.5	258.8	48.9	711.0	981.8	3.6	3.6	20.89	20.26
1999	1,083.9	21.4	711.0	1,816.3	175.7	35.3	623.6	981.7	3.6	3.6	19.85	18.98
2000 f	1,064.6	25.0	623.6	1,713.2	150.0	36.0	525.4	1,001.8	3.6	3.6	--	--
2001 f	1,200.0	20.0	525.4	1,745.4	175.0	40.0	523.0	1,007.4	3.6	3.6	--	--

-- = not available. f = ERS forecast.

1/ Includes both fresh and processing beans. 2/ Source: USDA, NASS. 3/ Source: Bureau of the Census, USDC.

4/ Seed use is estimated by ERS. 5/ Approximated from Colorado's dry bean marketing pattern. Assumes no carryover into next crop year. 6/ F.o.b. dealer (wholesale) prices. Constant dollar prices calculated using the GDP implicit price deflator, 1996=100.

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